

Pete Sanstol and Emile Pladner Win Bouts at Maple Leaf Gardens

MAPLE LEAF GARDENS TONIGHT 1914 TECUMSEHS VS. 1914 TORONTOS 8.30 P.M.— VS. 9.00 P.M.— VS. MAPLE LEAFS



EMILE PLADNER,
FRANCE

BOXING, MONDAY, JUNE 13 --- 8.45 P.M.

4-Round Featherweight Bout

Eddie Judge, Toronto, vs. Vince Glionna, Toronto

4-Round Bantamweight Bout

Frenchy Belanger, Toronto, vs. Mike Barrett, Erie, Pa.

6-Round Heavyweight Bout

Jack Dane, Peterboro', vs. Henri Ballit, France

10-Round Bantamweight Bout

Emile (Spider) Pladner, France, vs. Willie Davies, Charleroi, Pa.

10-Round Bantamweight Bout

Pete Sanstol, Norway, vs. Jimmy Thomas, Pittsburgh

20 Rounds Presenting 4 of the World's Best Bantams



PETE SANSTOL,
NORWAY

Pladner and Sanstol Outpoint Davies and Thomas in Features

Small Crowd Witnesses Excellent Card at Gardens—Belanger and Dane Win by Knockouts, Frenchy After 59 Seconds—Pladner and Davies Stage Pleasing Battle With European Bantam Champion Drawing Away in Closing Rounds by Means of Strong Body Attack.

By C. W. MacQUEEN.

With two ten round bouts, presenting four of the leading contenders for the world's bantamweight title, featuring the card at Maple Leaf Gardens last night, it was expected that professional boxing would emerge from the eclipse in which it has been sojourning for a long time, but the expectations were not realized and the promoters must surely come to the decision that the game should be given quite a lengthy rest before it will prove financially healthy for all concerned. Despite the fact that the two best bantams from Europe, Spider Pladner and Pete Sanstol, several local favorites in Frenchy Belanger, Willie Davies and Jack Dane, and some newcomers were in action, there were only 2,000 paying spectators in attendance.

It was not the fault of the promoters, matchmakers or the boxers; all of them did their part, but the fans did not turn out in sufficient numbers to encourage any further shows of a similar calibre. The five bout card was good, just as good as was anticipated. Two of the five did not go the limit, but the pair of knockouts were scored by local favorites, Frenchy Belanger, who is staging a comeback campaign in the bantam ranks, and Jack Dane, the promising young heavyweight from Peterboro. In his flyweight days Belanger rose to the top by stopping numerous opponents, and last night he scored one of his speediest victories, winning from Mike Barrett of Erie in 59 seconds, while Dane gave away 36 pounds to Henry Ballit of France and won halfway through the second round.

Sanstol Set the Pace.

It was Sanstol's first bout in nine months, and he was off in his timing, and in addition he was up against a lad who had an awkward style. For the first couple of rounds the pair bobbed around the ring pecking at one another and acting very much like a couple of gamecocks without any real battling. In the second Sanstol's left eye was cut, and this forced him to open up more, partly for protection, as Thomas gave the optic the closest possible attention. For three rounds the pair did little more than spar, but in the fourth Sanstol switched his attack to the body, and Thomas didn't like it by any means. He retaliated in the fifth and took the round by a margin; but he did not relish the body punching, and from then on he kept that part of his anatomy well protected. With Thomas keeping his head down and his arms over his body, Sanstol had great difficulty in finding a vulnerable target. He tired himself out to a certain extent by punching Thomas' head and shoulders, but at times he was able to get in for some substantial blows to the stomach.

Sanstol won the sixth and seventh while the action was fairly even in the eighth. Sanstol set the pace all through the ninth and added to his margin and in the final round, after an aggressive start by Thomas, the pace switched over to Sanstol and he finished strong to win the round. Thomas' style was such that Sanstol was unable to be as flashy as in his previous local bout.

EUROPEANS WIN FEATURE BOUTS

Sanstol, Norway, and Pladner, France, Earn Decisions

(By W. T. MUNNS.)

Pete Sanstol, blonde Norwegian bantam, and Emile ("Spider") Pladner, hard-hitting Frenchman, won the ten-round bout which provided the double feature of the Maple Leaf Gardens' boxing show last night, but both were extended to do so. Sanstol earned the decision over Jimmy Thomas, Pittsburgh negro, and Pladner, in the best bout of the evening, outpointed Willie Davies, veteran Welshman from Charleroi, Pa.

The show marked the debut of the Maple Leaf Gardens into the field of professional boxing promotion, and as such it cannot be described as a success. The program, as a whole, was a good one, providing two knockouts and plenty of clever boxing, but the attendance was far below expectations, a meagre gathering of two thousand watching the battles. It was a show which would have drawn four times that number a few years ago, and its failure to attract more fans is, to say the least, puzzling.

Hard Bout for Sanstol.

Sanstol and Thomas, boxing the final bout, proved closely matched, and the Norwegian had to put forth his best efforts to overtake an early lead gained by his dusky opponent. It was Sanstol's first bout in nine months, a fact which explained the rather faulty judgment of distance he showed at times. Both men did considerable head weaving, and as a result both missed more than would ordinarily have been the case. Under such circumstances Sanstol was not as flashy as usual, but he kept boring in determinedly to wear down his opponent and finish with a margin which, while far from one-sided left little doubt as to his right to the decision.

The colored boxer had somewhat the better of the first three rounds, his ducking making Sanstol miss many leads to the head. Then the fair-haired European shifted his attack to the body, a move which proved most effective and soon had Thomas backing away with a very pained expression on his countenance. It was the body attack which enabled Sanstol to win the bout, although Thomas provided a fairly good defense against the numerous blows directed at his stomach and ribs. Sanstol was canny enough to alternate his attack from head to body and by the time the tenth round arrived Thomas was a trifle unsteady on his feet.

An old cut over Sanstol's left eye was reopened in the second round, and from then until the seventh, when the bleeding stopped, gave him considerable trouble. He weighed 118 pounds, three pounds less than Thomas.